Reception Newsletter

Hello and welcome to Reception’s first newsletter for this academic year! I’m pleased to say that the class is settling in very well and I’m very excited to be doing lots of fun and educational activities with them this year. There have been a few repeated questions from home visits and the Meet the Teacher sessions so I will answer all of these in this newsletter to benefit the rest of you. Happy reading!    Miss Smith

### Weekly Events to be Aware of

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After forest school children are left in their forest school kit so that we get longer at

### Show and Tell

Children are welcome to bring an item for show and tell on Mondays. This item can be an award, something from an exciting activity or something related to our topic ‘All About

### PE Kits

These need to be in school every day (just in case we need them). Please bring in PE kits as soon as possible if your child has yet to do so.

How often do you wash it?
Up to you! Every weekend, every half term, every term, at the end of the year… choice is yours.

### Reading Books

Your children have now been given reading books! Books will start to have words in as the weeks progress, as some phonics knowledge needs to be imbedded first. Picture books are a very important stage of children’s reading to build comprehension.

Children need to read EVERY day at home and this needs to be recorded in their reading record every time. When children are ready for the next book, they will be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays.

### Reminders

Please could I remind you to put only water in your children’s bottles. Not only is squash bad for your children’s teeth (yes even no added sugar), I also allow the children to have their drinks on the carpet and children with squash will not be allowed to do so. Sticky carpet from squash spills is not nice.

If your child is going home with someone other than a parent/guardian please hand me a letter in the morning or ring the office.

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### Barclay Bear

A very exciting visitor has come to reception class! Barclay Bear will be coming for sleepovers and doing lots of lovely things with the children. He will come with a diary to document his travels and children will be given the opportunity to share their Barclay Bear adventures with the class on Mondays.

He will be given to a child on Fridays so don’t worry if your children come out of school with a big bear!

Last but not least… Could we aim to have children dropped off and left in the classroom by 8.55am. Now we have started phonics, these delays in the morning are causing valuable learning time being lost. Thank you!